

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,232,254), and Claims 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider in view of Sueyoshi, et al. (JP 53-125964).

Applicants respectfully traverse for the reasons set forth in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed December 22, 2010, incorporated herein by reference.

Applicants further request a Suspension of Action for three months in order to study and respond to the issues raised in the Advisory Action dated January 3, 2011.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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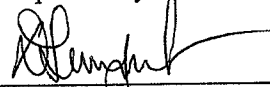
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